

ART: ROBERT CEPEDA



## APRIL 2011 ISSUE SPRING IS HERE!

Dear friends,

Happy Spring! I know far too many of you are not able to feel the sun on your faces and feel the changes in the season, but I assure you the earth is still rotating and travelling around the sun. The beauty of the seasons is still real and our deep interconnectedness is unwavering. As our planet is welcoming the buds of new life our movement for justice and liberation is also sprouting beautiful colors of strength and possibility. I am excited about the incoming leadership circle forms and your continuous letters that share stories of survival. We are a blessing to each other.

I want to take a moment to tell you about a particular queer prisoner. Bradley Manning is a young gay man who is incarcerated in a military prison in Quantico, Virginia. He was first arrested in May 2010 and originally held in Camp Arifjan, Kuwait before being moved to Virginia.



Manning has been charged with twenty-four offenses, including "aiding the enemy" – which carries a possible death sentence. What did this young man do? He, bravely, exposed the heinous human rights abuses perpetrated by the United States government overseas. He shared tens of thousands of documents with the people at WikiLeaks, an organized effort to expose corporate and government abuses. Among the documents Manning released was a 2007 video of American soldiers opening fire and killing civilians in New Baghdad. Bradley Manning is a hero; he used his power and access to expose violence and inhumanity being perpetrated in the name of "democracy."

Bradley Manning is not the first of his kind, and will not be the last. Daniel Ellsberg, a former United States military analyst who released the Pentagon Papers, top secret government papers related to the Vietnam War, has declared Bradley Manning to be the same type of whistleblower as himself. The Pentagon Papers are respected as an essential part of history, telling the realities of the United States' agenda in attacking and occupying Vietnam. Bradley Manning has tried to do the same for us in the age of the Internet. Resistance to U.S. Empire takes many forms and the repression by the government simply increases with time, Bradley Manning must stay in all of our hearts.

Why is Bradley Manning important to Black and Pink? Along with the importance of standing in solidarity with the above-mentioned work, Bradley is a gay man being held in solitary confinement. Manning, like many of you, has been forced to strip naked night after night and subjected to a search of his entire body, a violation too many of us know well. He is then forced to sleep naked in his cell under "suicide watch," as if the prison has any care for his wellbeing. Manning has been denied access to communication with many of his supporters. He has been denied access to exercise. He is consistently shackled when meeting with his lawyer, a humiliating and painful practice that inhibits the possibilities of the visit. While these conditions are likely not unfamiliar to many of the Black and Pink family members, what is new is that these practices are getting some national attention. This is our opportunity to not only show our support and solidarity with Bradley Manning but also bring attention to the reality that LGBTQ prisoners across the country experience this type of repression, and worse, every day. This is an opportunity for your voices to be heard. Let's figure out together how to make that possible.

As we move forward fighting for all of our freedom, let us hold on to the hope that lives in the rebirth of spring. As we struggle for our liberation let us remember, that once there were no prisons, that day will come again.

In love and struggle,  
Jason

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# Jimmy's Story—Friends call him "Seal"

Hello Friends,

My name is Jimmy, but people now just call me "Seal." I am a 49 year young gay male and Navy veteran, who has- at present- done a total of 26 years in the joint (not all of that concurrent).

In the Navy, long before "Don't ask, don't tell," I learned the meaning of words like "oppression," "gay-basher," and "hate crime." Nothing is kept secret on a ship, no matter how discreet you are. It's even worse in SEAL training. This is where the top brass do care about a person being gay. Gay people in special ops get worked twice as hard as non-gay recruits, and that doesn't account for the "blanket parties," the gay-bashing (literally), and the raw hatred coming off fellow service members in waves.

Prison wasn't much different except that- unlike the Navy brass- prison guards have no qualms about using beatings and racial slurs to show their hatred of us. Inmates are just as bad. In my 26 years on the inside, I have been raped twice; once by a gang in 1996, and five days before this past Christmas by the leader of the Latin Kings.

You don't know how ashamed I am to admit that. I should have been able to prevent it, yet I couldn't. In my defense, that dude would have made one hell of a SEAL. The prison staff set me up for it. They also set me up with a "shank," for which I am now doing 6-8 months in segregation. Why? Because I'm a gay SEAL that got a parole. Now my parole's been rescinded. I've got every reason in the world to want to give up, but the Navy doesn't make us that way.

Versace, in the January issue, said that "there's thousands of things need to be changed and can be changed." I agree with the first part, and am not sure I can with the second. You can't change people's attitudes if they don't want to change. But we- as a class of unified people- can change how we react to the abuse. We can, even after the fact, fight back for our rights and our dignity.

As a "jailhouse lawyer" of more than 20 years experience, I am fighting back by suing this administration for what they've done. Will it make me feel better about what happened to me? No. But it will make me feel I am doing my part to strike a blow at the corrupt system that allowed it to happen. As a people oppressed for our orientation and our beliefs, we must "strike back"- for to do anything less is to give up.

Take care Brothers and Sisters. As Versace said, Don't let them break you. Stand up for your rights and others will stand with you.

Sincerely,

Jimmy "SEAL" Fikes

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## Jasmine lives life with integrity

Being transgender in a NYS Correctional Facility has been extremely difficult. I take responsibility for my crime. What I did was utterly irresponsible. However, serving my sentence commitment and meeting all of my court mandate programs is a whole other story.

Attempting to participate in the rehabilitative programs have been difficult. I have been sent back to my cell, before stepping into a classroom, by the escorting officer. The officer's statement "No fags on the call-out tonight!" has offended me on many occasions. The prejudice and lack of professionalism and tolerance for prisoners of GLBT status is appalling!

At times I have the urge to ask these officers, "Does your mother know you treat people like this? Or did she teach you?" But, I'm not going to jeopardize my safety.

I have seen some officers commit more crimes and violate more prisoners' civil rights than I've ever seen from a peace officer in my life. There is no accountability. They are protected by their unions. Don't get me wrong, there are some wonderful officers who give prisoners only the minimum requirements, but treat them with dignity and respect.

Nevertheless, I try as I might to walk with dignity and pride. I live my life with integrity. I've received many invitations from inmates and even a few officers, to engage in a sexual act. However, knowing so many people in jail are living with HIV has made me very careful, no matter how fine papi looks :)

Anyway, the newsletter has helped me to keep moving forward. I have 7 more months before I am released. I want to say: Thank you Black & Pink! You've made a world of difference and I appreciate everyone!

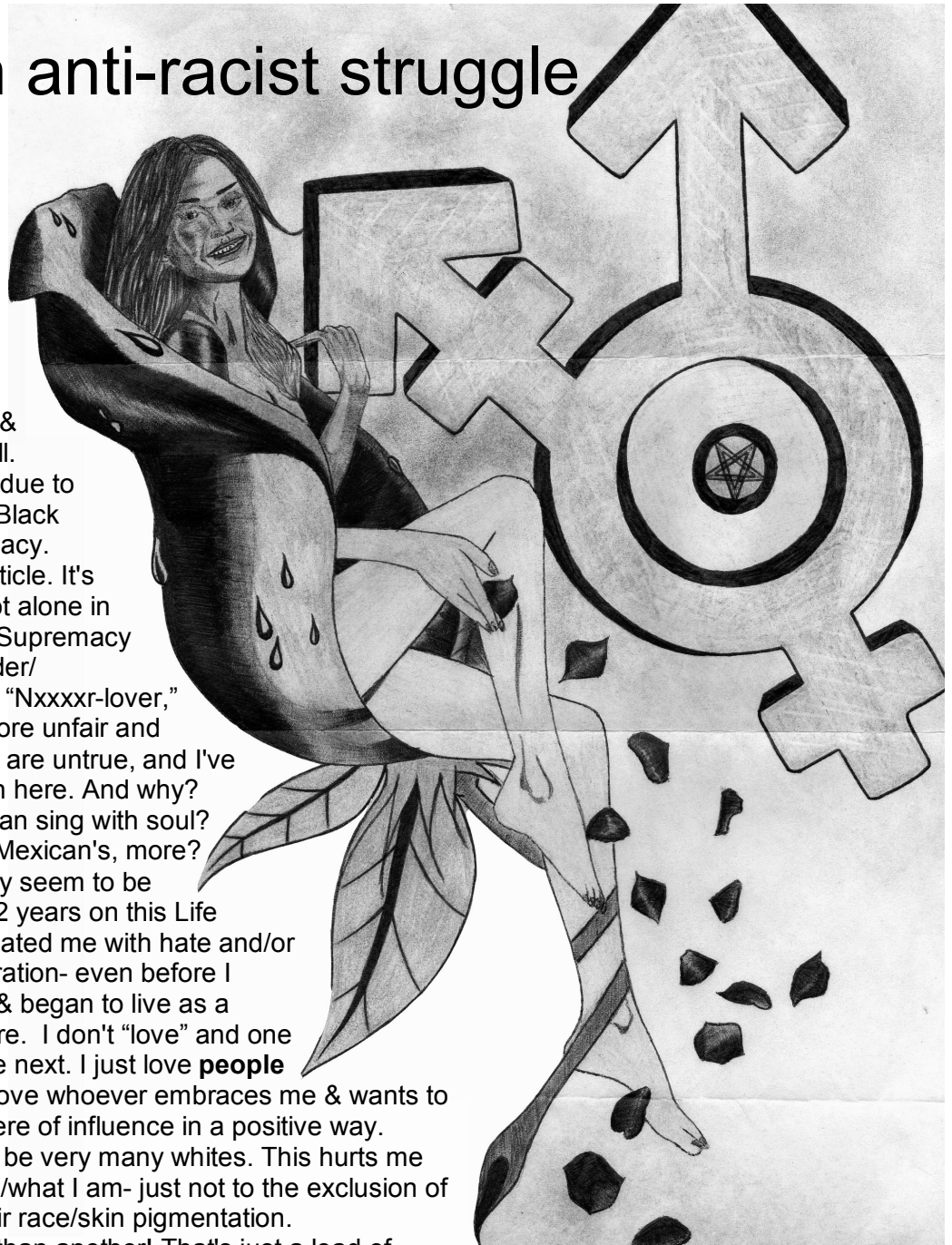
Sincerely,

Jasmine, NYS Attica

# Not alone in anti-racist struggle

Dear Black & Pink Family,  
Greetings! And may  
I send you all my love and  
peace and longing for Love,  
Peace, Equality, and  
Happiness your way.  
First of all, Happy [belated]  
Valentine's Day & Black  
History Month to all. Hello  
to all my hopeless Romantics &  
Lovers out there - I love you all.

I am especially writing due to  
my response to the article on Black  
History/Racism/White Supremacy.  
Thank you so much for that article. It's  
a great comfort to know I'm not alone in  
my struggle to combat Racial Supremacy  
/Separatism as a white Bigender/  
Transwoman. I've been called "Nxxxxr-lover,"  
"race-traitor," and so much more unfair and  
very hateful words, words that are untrue, and I've  
been cut off by my own race in here. And why?  
Because I've got swagger? Can sing with soul?  
Because I kick it with Blacks, Mexican's, more?  
B/S! I kick it with them cuz they seem to be  
who embrace me. I've done 12 years on this Life  
Sentence and my race has treated me with hate and/or  
indifference my entire incarceration- even before I  
discovered I was Bigendered & began to live as a  
bigendered transwoman in here. I don't "love" and one  
race/people any more than the next. I just love **people**  
**period!** And I mess with and love whoever embraces me & wants to  
involve themselves in my sphere of influence in a positive way.  
Evidently, that happens to not be very many whites. This hurts me  
because I love my race & who/what I am- just not to the exclusion of  
loving other people due to their race/skin pigmentation.  
No one race is more superior than another! That's just a load of  
hateful, institutionalized B/S!



ART: JOSEPH ALAN SCOTT



ART: ROBERT CEPEDA

My name I go by is Harlequinne Mystique, because I wanted a  
name that fits me. The definitions I found for both of these words/names  
are: Harlequinne: a joker, silly person, or buffoon. Mystique: mysterious &  
fascinating quality of a person. These adequately sum up who I am &  
"feel like," or have been referred to, so I've adopted them as my First &  
Middle name, but answer to either. In the past I've gone by Tabitha,  
Candy Girl, Nikki, & White Chocolate. I think now I've found a name that  
is descriptive of who/what I am & I like them.

All my romantic, anti-racist GBLTQ's: I love you more than words  
can articulate. Please love yourself, hold your heads high & proud!

Love,  
Harlequinne Mystique in Iowa Park, Texas

# Finding serenity in one another's presence

Greetings! My alias is Leigh. I'm a trans-queen. A mutual friend told me about your most welcomed newsletter and allowed me to read an article, "Reasons not to commit suicide." This article really hit home & I truly wanted to share a little about my life in hopes of enlightening others. Letting them know all is not lost in those darkest days- that there really can be a touch of sunshine when one least expects it, even in the oddest of places.

To begin this journey, as a teenager I knew that I was gay- everything shouted it, from my characteristics to thoughts and attraction to the same gender. Because my parents were L.D.S. [Church of Latter-Day Saints, otherwise known as Mormons], I hid this fact, being scared. Not wanting to cause problems or offend my family, I lived in complete hell, always wearing masks hiding who I was. Constantly I tried my best to fit in, but it just got more & more frustrating. I mean would my parents abandon me, not wanting me around? This thought scared me because all I really wanted was their acceptance and to be proud of me, just like any other teen.



In the end I was placed in state custody because I became very destructive, finding a comfort through it all in cutting on myself and in drugs and alcohol. Inside I hated myself and just wanted the pain and loneliness to go away, being dead was a better place in my mind than not feeling loved or accepted. I mean I was lost, broken and alone. I tried committing suicide- a lot. I mean I only wanted an end. I was placed in a treatment center in West Valley, Utah, still hiding so none of it helped. Getting close to admitting my sexual preference, I did the only thing I knew how to do. I ran.

I took off and never stopped. I joined a gang. I mean what better way to prove I was a "real" man? The gang also offered me acceptance and so-called looked out for me, at least in the gang I finally had a place. In the end I was arrested for multiple charges and sent to the Utah State Prison.

Now serving 2 1-15 year sentences, I'm now up for parole at the age of 21 years old. I suppose one could say this was a bad thing, but in fact it was not. I've been honest with my parents, my mother doesn't accept things but she's still visiting me. My father has turned his back, but that's now okay. I've accepted who I am and now that I've come out and have joined the Gay Community I know that there are people- young men just like me and that it's not only okay but I'm PROUD of who I am for once in my life.

I also have a man who loves me and I truly love him as well. He treats me for what I am and for what I've always wanted to be- A Queen. His name is Mark Evans he's had his own share of pain in life and together it all sort of balances out. Finding serenity in one another's presence. Yes we can all find true love in the strangest places. You know the old saying genuine love is "when one cries the other tastes the salt?" That's how it is for him and I. I go to the board in 2011, he has a release date of 2013. Our plans are to get married and commit to one another- true loyalty, love, honor and respect.

Well that's my story, not one of giving up but finding love and balance even here in a place filled with so much pain, anger and hate. Serenity is being open and honest with ourselves. Never be afraid or hide who you are inside.

Leigh Evans, Utah

## Editor's note: Prisoner-to-prisoner mail

Many people who send in newsletter submissions request we put their full address with their article/poem so others can write them. Right now, we can't do this because using the Newsletter to get people to write directly between prisons will either get people in trouble or get the Newsletter refused in the first place.

We do have the prisoner-to-prisoner, or P2P, list. Most prisons have rules against writing between prisons, and we don't want to accidentally get anyone in trouble. If you want to be on the P2P list, meaning you have permission to send and receive mail from prisoners across the country, send us a letter to "Black & Pink: P2P List" (see page 10 for complete address). We cannot "third-party," or pass kites between people at this time. This is something everyone, and the Leadership Circle, can talk about more.

# "Sometimes"

Sometimes I feel like a woman that will be trapped forever  
 Trapped in a world full of tragedy and full of pain  
 Bleeding from the vessel that makes my heart explode and remain  
 Eyes full of sorrow with words from a swift tongue  
 Where the truth is told  
 Sometimes I feel like a woman that's been exposed  
 Exposed to catastrophe and the hindrance of the Devil  
 Chains, chains, shackles, and more chains  
 Contaminated water, as I sip what makes my mind go insane  
 Sometimes I feel like a beautiful monster designed to be a human being  
 Transforming from a person that went to an unnatural thing  
 Identified by a number- 1392308- a white uniform, and maybe my own brown skin?  
 Sometime I feel like the people I'm surrounded by minds are troubled, just as mine  
 is, but the only difference is I'm AWARE  
 Lost sheep, that listen, but just refuse to see themselves  
 I see a piece of characteristics in every single one of them  
 Sometimes I feel and see the demons that stalk and pray the night  
 Choking on my own blood, and also my lovers, it pulls and pushes  
 It feels good when it's tight, who's to say what is right?  
 Sometimes I feel exactly what you feel  
 What you see, and I suppose what you need to know

Dedicated to: Troubled minded females in Ad Seg  
 By: Bianca AKA Queen B/ Mrs. Ward



ART: CAIL WILLETT

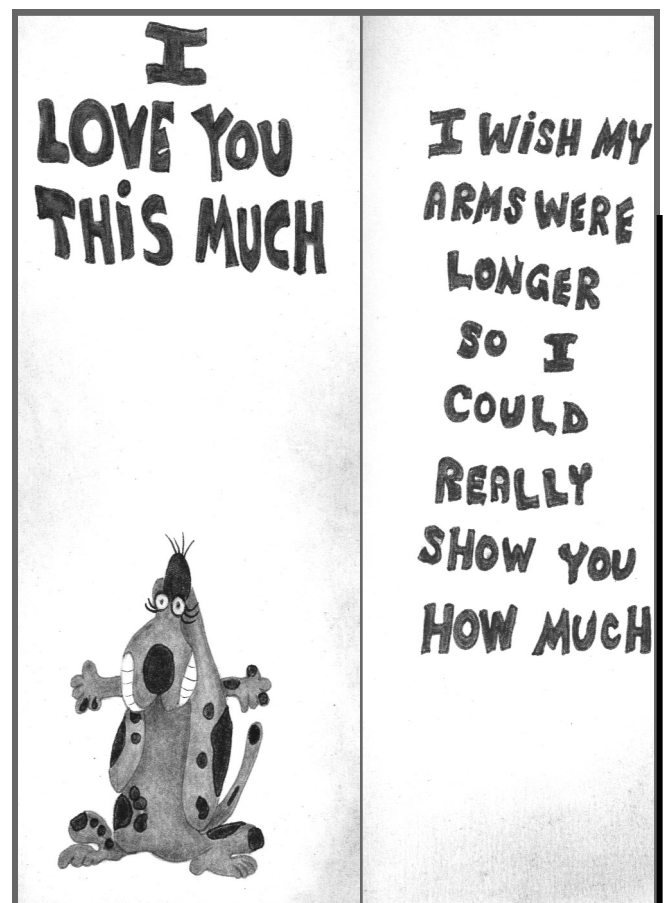


ART: ROBERT CEPEDA

# "Who I Am"

I am the feeling you feel when we kiss  
 I am what you felt when you cut your wrist  
 I am the feeling you feel when you can't sleep  
 I am the feeling you feel at night when you close your eyes  
 in peace  
 I am the words that come out your mouth when you say  
 "Papi I love you so much"  
 I am the feeling you feel when we touch  
 I am the feeling that makes you glow  
 I am what makes your blood flow  
 I am the love of your life  
 I am your husband and you're my wife  
 I am the feeling that causes you to release your tears  
 I am the one who will take away your fears  
 I am the one that won't fade away  
 I am the one who will always stay  
 I am more than just a thug  
 I am you one and only TRUE LOVE

Dedicated to: Bianca AKA Queen B/ Mrs. Ward  
 By: Sheila Ward AKA "O" / Mr. Ward



ART: WILLIAM FIESSINGER

## “Man Power”

There's a strength that we have  
 masculinity- our power to attract  
 It's eye contact, maybe a smile  
 A physical specimen  
 something instinctual, primitive, wild  
 It pulls Him to Him  
 He's lost in His sway  
 You feel it too  
 the reason you stay  
 We exchange pleasantries  
 discuss the intellectual rhetoric of the day  
 The butterflies in your stomach  
 aren't grounded by touched wings  
 A man to a man, there's an attraction  
 we understand such things  
 You're overcome by my power  
 your charm reels me in  
 The power of man  
 the power within.

Horace Carter in Wisconsin



ART: ROBERT CEPEDA

## “Unnatural Occurrence”

I love it when the sun is out,  
 And it softly rains.  
 Like tears that fall during laughter,  
 It seems like an unnatural  
 occurrence.



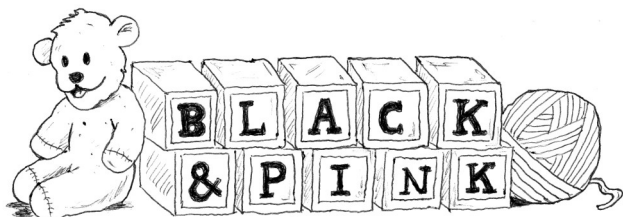
I like to throw my head back  
 And open my mouth,  
 Watch the sun filled raindrops  
 And end their voyage on my face  
 And land on my outwardly stretched tongue.

I love the small drops that tickle my skin  
 And make my eyes blink with protection.  
 I love the accumulation  
 Of rain rolling down my cheek  
 Forming the drops that remind me of my past tears.

My hair becomes moist,  
 As I embrace every raindrop  
 When the sun is out and it softly rains.

By Gregory Berin

Dedicated to: Jamme, Ms. Pat, Queen B/Bianca John-



## “My Promise to You”

If you are feeling empty inside,  
 I will fill your heart with your favorite you-and-me stories to make you smile.  
 If neither one of us knows what to say, I will sit quietly with you in the closeness we share that needs no words.  
 If you start to doubt, I will help you find your courage again.  
 If the climb is steep and long, I will hold your hand and we will walk each step of the way together and if you say  
 "who cares?"  
 I will remind you how very much I do.....  
 Because when I say, "I'm here for you," I mean it for as often and as long and in whatever way you need me.

-Frank Rodriguez

## A Call for Unity

Hello! I want to thank you for sending me your Black & Pink Newsletter, Thank you! In your January 2011 issue, I was inspired by Versace's article! She has a positive outlook and her vision & hope for unity is one I share. I also am in 24 hour lockdown. Idaho and Florida seem to share an approach/ideology. Versace could have been writing about Idaho DOC. I wish I could reach out through the distance and hug and hold you. I too have lost my family- I am an orphan. I wish we could all unite as one loving family, supporting and lifting each other up.

Daniel, in Boise, ID

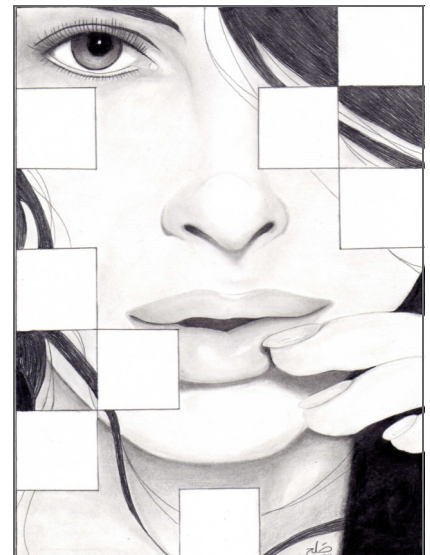
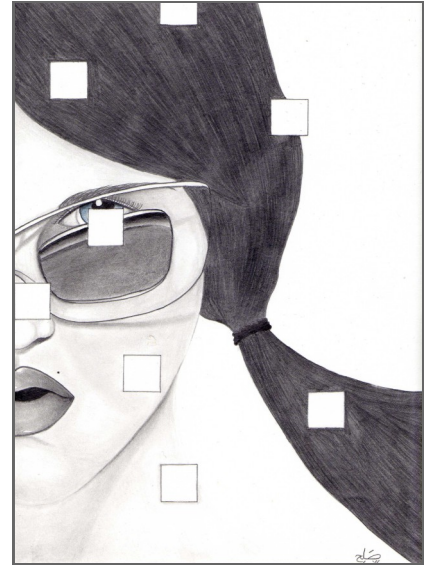




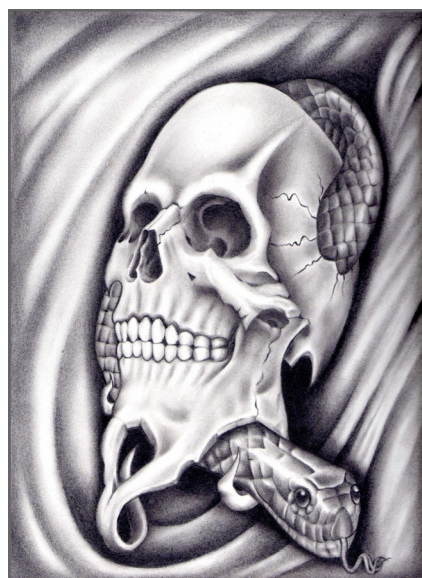
# "My Greatest Enemy"

I fought him for years, probably all of my life  
 He hates everything and is always so full of strife  
 We been together ever since birth  
 And yet, all we been through, he hated me first  
 We fight like married couples or like hated twin doubles  
 He liked to draw things of death, while I sat quietly blowing bubbles  
 I've always yearned for love, but he wanted lust  
 I wanted to fly like a dove, while he wanted to cut me and see my guts  
 I wanted to let him go so I ran as far as I can  
 But no matter where I went, he was there holding my hand  
 He started to grow inside me like a painful tumor  
 When I cried out in pain, he took it for humor  
 I saw myself losing the fight but still had to try  
 It was easy for him, he had the world by his side  
 I never saw him before, not an inch from his head to his feet  
 And yet, I was becoming the evil one that he wanted me to be  
 I looked around and said to this dark entity  
 "Before I give in and lose my loving ability  
 I want to see you then I'm yours eternally"  
 I heard his voice say "But this is fun, let's continue to play"  
 Then I said "No more games, you won, the deal is done, so please don't delay"  
 I closed my eyes preparing to see  
 The evil one that grew within me  
 When I open my eyes and saw what I wanted to see  
 It was a mirror and the reflection was me  
 All this time I was fighting me, that dark entity  
 It was me, all along it was me  
 Now I have become ....  
     My Greatest Enemy

Carlos aka Mad Clown, Missouri



ARTIST: JAY MARTIN



ARTIST: JAY MARTIN



ARTIST: SHAUN WILSON  
"A BYTE OF BEAUTY"

# Gay Marriage and the Repeal of DOMA

WASHINGTON -- In a major policy reversal, the Obama administration said Wednesday it will no longer defend the constitutionality of a federal law banning recognition of same-sex marriage.

Attorney General Eric Holder said President Barack Obama has concluded that the administration cannot defend the federal law that defines marriage as only between a man and a woman. He noted that the congressional debate during passage of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) "contains numerous expressions reflecting moral disapproval of gays and lesbians and their intimate and family relationships - precisely the kind of stereotype-based thinking and animus the (Constitution's) Equal Protection Clause is designed to guard against."

The Justice Department had defended the act in court until now. "Much of the legal landscape has changed in the 15 years since Congress passed" the Defense of Marriage Act, Holder said in a statement. He noted that the Supreme Court has ruled that laws criminalizing homosexual conduct are unconstitutional and that Congress has repealed the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

-The Huffington Post 2/23/2011

## Is Gay Marriage Anti – Black?

I, as a black gay man, do not support this push for same-sex marriage. Although I don't claim to represent all black gay people, I do believe that the manner in which this campaign has been handled has put black people in the middle of essentially two white groups of people, who are trying to manipulate us one way or the other. The Christian Right, which is in fact anti-black, has tried to create a false alliance between themselves and blacks through religion to push forward their homophobic, fascist agenda.

The white gay civil rights groups are also anti-black, however they want black people to see this struggle for same-sex unions as tantamount to separate but equal Jim Crow laws. Yet any close examination reveals that histories of terror imposed upon generations of all black people in this country do not in any way compare to what appears to be the very last barrier between white gays and lesbians' access to what bell hooks describes as "christian capitalist patriarchy." That system is inherently anti-black, and no amount of civil rights will ever get black people any real liberation from it. For, in what is now a good 40 years of "civil rights," nothing has intrinsically changed or altered in the American power structure, and a few black faces in inherently racist institutions is hardly progress.

Given the current white hetero-normative constructions of family and how the institutions of marriage and nuclear families have been used against black people, I do think that to support same-sex marriage is in fact, anti-black (I also believe the institution of marriage to be historically anti-woman, and don't support it for those reasons as well).

At this point I don't know if I am totally opposed to the institution of marriage altogether, but I do know that the campaign would have to happen on very different terms for me to support same-sex marriages. At this point, the white gay community is as much to blame as the Christian Right for the way they have constructed the campaign, including who is represented, and their appropriation of black civil rights language.

Along with how the campaign is currently devised, I struggle with same-sex marriage because, given the level of homophobia in our society (specifically in the black community), and racism as well, I think that even if same-sex marriage becomes legal, white people will access that privilege far more than black people. This is especially the case with poor black people, who regardless of sexual preference or gender, are struggling with the most critical of needs (housing, food, gainful employment), which are not at all met by same-sex marriage.

Some black people (men in particular) might not try to access same-sex marriage because they do not even identify as "gay" partly because of homophobia in the black community, but also because of the fact that racist white queer people continue to dominate the public discourse of what "gay" is, which does not include black people of the hip-hop generation by and large.

I do fully understand that non-heteros of all races and classes may cheer this effort for they want their love to be recognized, and may want to reap some of the practical benefits that a marriage entitlement would bring – health care (if one of you gets health care from your job in the first place) for your spouse, hospital visits without drama or scrutiny, and control over a deceased partner's estate.



But, gay marriage, in and of itself, is not a move towards real, and systemic liberation. It does not address my most critical need as a black gay man to be able to walk down the streets of my community with my lover, spouse or trick, and not be subjected to ridicule, assault or even murder. Gay marriage does not adequately address homophobia or transphobia, for same-sex marriage still implies binary opposite thinking, and transgender folks are not at all addressed in this debate.

*Excerpted from "Is Gay Marriage Anti-Black?"*

*By Kenyon Farrow, former Executive Director of Queers for Economic Justice*



# Black and Pink: Join the Leadership Circle!

## You voice is important! You can be on the Leadership Circle.

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People on the Leadership Circle can make decisions about B&P as a family, and is responsible to see that the members and activities follow our Purpose and Analysis.

if you want to join the Leadership Circle (LC). The "free world" LC will put all the entries ("free world" and incarcerated) together and send it back in a Newsletter so everyone can vote for 10 people in prison and 10 people in the "free world". Prisoner votes will count double. The concept of a group of 20 people (10 people in prison and 10 people in the "free world") has been chosen so there can be many voices, and not be too big to make communication hard. If more people want to be on the Leadership Circle than can, we hope people will coordinate B&P projects in their prison, start a chapter, be a contact person, or regularly share thoughts. We need it all :)

If you join the Leadership Circle, written training will be provided about decisions making, organizing, and other skills that LC members request training on. All levels of experience can respond, what's most important is our passion and commitment.

The B&P Purpose and Analysis will best be served by having a diversity of people on the Leadership Circle. This includes race, gender, sexuality, age, geography, lifers/short-timers, ability, etc. To meet this goal, please answer the questions on the entry form. We would like to be at least half people of color, not majority male, and well-represented by lifers and people with long sentences.

### This is the timeline for creating the Leadership Circle:

March and April: Announcement of LC election is in monthly Newsletter.

May 15: Post-mark your letters by this date. Please send them earlier than this!!! Why not today? :)

June and July: Ballots will go out in both Newsletters; only vote once!

August 15: Counting of Ballots

September: Announcement in Newsletter

(tear on this line)

## I want to join the Leadership Circle! Mail-in Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to join the Leadership Circle? (65 words max. Please write as neat as possible. You can mention your leadership skills and your beliefs about prison, sexuality, and gender, and anything else you want. If writing is hard for you, please get help, or let us know that we should edit your writing.)

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### **What is your....**

Race: \_\_\_\_\_

Sexuality: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Length of Sentence : \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form by May 15 to:

Black and Pink- Leadership Circle  
 565 Boylston St  
 Boston, MA 02116

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Free Prisoner 2 Prisoner Pen-Pal List

Ideas for Black & Pink and  
Statement of Purpose Feedback

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\*\*\*New Address as of January 2011!\*\*\*

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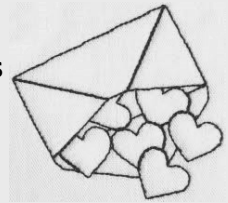
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**LEGAL:** Consider writing to Lambda Legal for support or referrals with legal issues that you are having. "Lambda Legal is a national organization committed to achieving full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people and those with HIV through impact litigation, education and public policy work."  
**Lambda Legal, National Office 120 Wall Street, Suite 1500, New York, NY 10005, 212-809-8585**

**SURVIVORS:** Just Detention International provides support for prisoners who are survivors of sexual abuse. Write them at the legal address below for a packet. Each packet includes an introductory letter, a list of local resources, fact sheets, publications about recovery from sexual abuse, and a letter of hope from another survivor.  
**Ms. Melissa Rothstein, Esq., 3325 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 340, Los Angeles, CA 90010**

## B&P hosts Book Tour

On Thursday March 31st, Black and Pink will host two of the authors of this amazing new book in Boston!

'A groundbreaking work that turns a "queer eye" on the criminal legal system. In March 2003 – three decades after Stonewall – police stormed the Power Plant, a private Detroit club frequented by African American LGBT people. Over 350 people were handcuffed. Some were hit in the head and back; others were slammed into walls while being verbally abused. Their supposed crime was later chalked up to a bizarre infraction: "loitering inside a building." The event illuminated a long shadow of policing in America, where discrimination and prejudice are pervasive.

'Drawing on years of research, activism, and legal advocacy, **Queer (In)Justice** is a searing examination of the queer experience—as criminal defendants, prisoners, and survivors of violent crimes. The authors unpack queer criminal archetypes—like "gleeful gay killers," "lethal lesbians," and "disease spreaders"—to illustrate the punishment of queer expression, regardless of whether a crime was ever committed. And tracing stories from the judicial bench to the streets and behind prison bars, the authors prove that the policing of sex and gender both bolsters and reinforces racial and gender inequalities.'

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